

HOUSE BILL 503

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By: **Delegates Walker, Davis, Rice, Serafini, and Vaughn**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – High School Sports – Mandatory Playing Guidelines**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education, in conjunction with a
4 certain organization, to adopt regulations to establish athletic participation
5 guidelines for students on public high school athletic teams in the State;
6 requiring the guidelines to include certain provisions; and generally relating to
7 mandatory playing guidelines for students on certain high school athletics
8 teams.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 7–205.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–205.1.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VARSITY ATHLETICS TEAM**
19 **FOR A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

20 **(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND**
21 **PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, SHALL ADOPT**
22 **REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR**
23 **STUDENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT**
2 **REQUIRE THAT EACH MEMBER OF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM**
3 **PRESENT AT AN ATHLETIC COMPETITION BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THAT**
4 **CONTEST UNLESS THE MEMBER IS INJURED, ILL, OR OTHERWISE UNABLE TO**
5 **PLAY BECAUSE OF A PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL CONDITION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2010.